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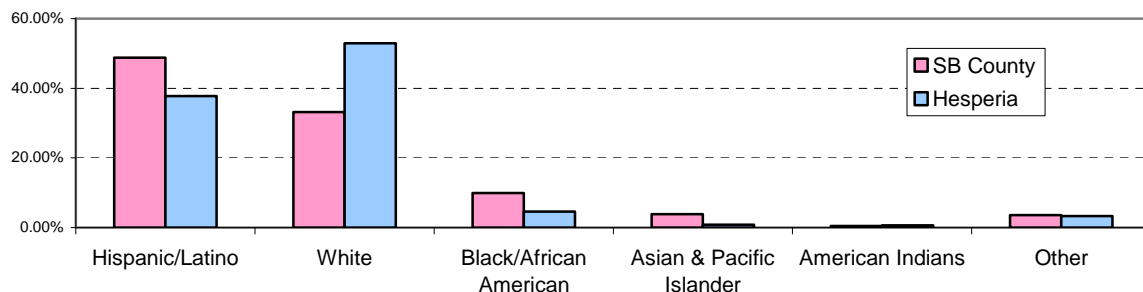
San Bernardino County Total Area\*: 20,105.3 square miles (The Largest County in California)  
(Land Area: 20,052.5 square miles, Water Area: 52.8 square miles)



	SB County		Hesperia	
Total Population	1,709,434		62,582	
Under 18 Years	552,047		20,496	
<i>Ethnicity</i>				
Hispanic/Latino	269,462	48.80%	7,745	37.79%
White	183,512	33.20%	10,839	52.88%
Black/African American	54,800	9.90%	942	4.60%
Asian & Pacific Islander	21,758	3.90%	162	0.79%
American Indians	2,750	0.50%	138	0.67%
Other	19,765	3.60%	670	3.27%

(% of Ethnicity Comparison)

San Bernardino County  
Brief Overview &  
Population Comparison  
with Hesperia



## Referral Information for Hesperia (2006)

### Referral Rate and Foster Care Entry Rate

	Referral Rate	Foster Care Entry Rate
Hesperia	100.4 per 1,000 Children	3.1 per 1,000 Children
San Bernardino County	68.9 per 1,000 Children	4.0 per 1,000 Children

- In 2006, 10% (100.4 :1,000) children less than 18 year old in Hesperia had child abuse/neglect referrals, and 0.31% (3.1 :1,000) children were removed from their family in Hesperia.
- Comparing with San Bernardino County as a whole, Hesperia has higher referral rate and foster care entry rates.

## Frequently Asked Questions about Children in Welfare System

### How many child abuse/neglect incidents were reported?

Reports of Child Abuse or Neglect (2006)	Number of Families (Total = 1,541)	Number of Children (Total = 2,057)
Of all referrals received, 60.42% resulted in a CPS investigation:	931	1,606
Of all referrals received, 5.52% were found to be true:	85	149
Of all referrals received, 2.34% resulted in an open case:	36	75
Of all referrals received, 1.95% resulted in a child removal:	30	64

### What types of allegations were investigated?

County of San Bernardino investigated 1,894 child abuse reports in 2006 for 1,606 children.

The following table represents types of allegations investigated. Neglect accounted for the highest proportion of allegations. \*One child can have more than one allegation.

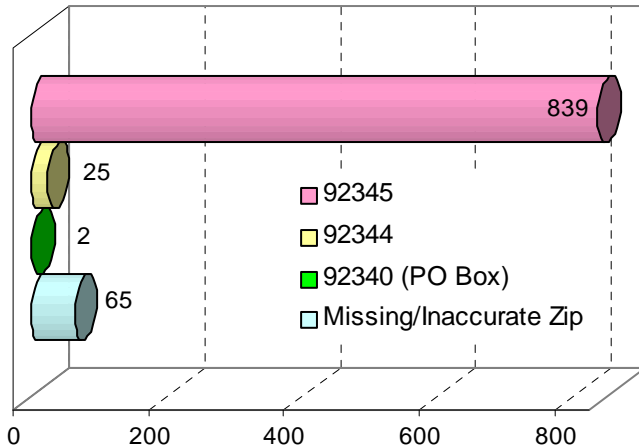
Types of Allegations	#	%
General Neglect	709	37.4%
Physical Abuse	439	23.2%
At Risk, Sibling Abused	301	15.9%
Sexual Abuse	117	6.2%
Not determined Jan07	105	5.5%
Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	93	4.9%
Emotional Abuse	64	3.4%
Severe Neglect	59	3.1%
Substantial Risk	7	0.4%
Total Children	1,894	



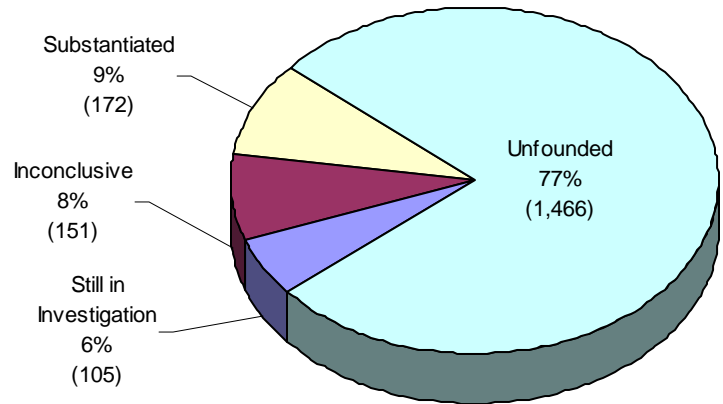
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**2 Allegations investigated in your city in 2006?**  
931 families were involved in investigations.



**How the investigations were concluded?**  
1,849 allegations were investigated.



**4 Where were children placed after they were removed in 2006?**

64 children were placed in the out-of-home care residences. The following table indicates; the types of placement homes where they spent the longest time since their removal in 2006.

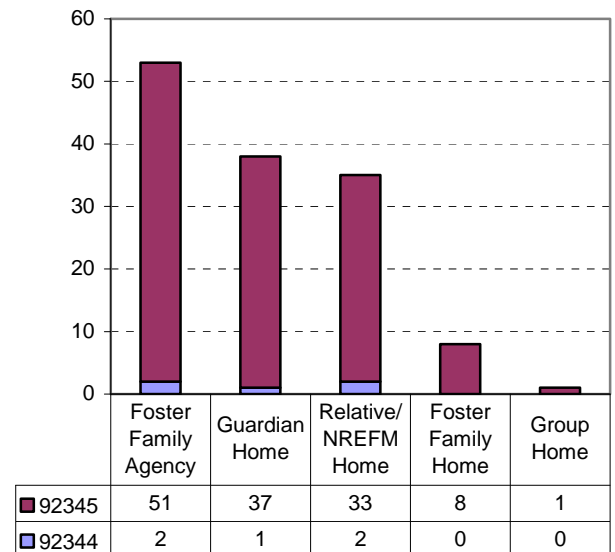
Predominate Placement	Children
FFA Certified Home	27
Foster Family Home	13
Relative/NREFM Home	24
Total	64

**2 4 Is there disproportionality in the referral rate and child removal rate in child welfare?**

Disproportionality exists in child welfare when any ethnic group has a higher rate or proportion of referrals, removals or in care numbers than the total population. In Hesperia, Black/African American children have higher rates of investigated referrals and removals compared to other ethnicities and the total population.

	2000 Census Population Under 18	# of Children with an Investigated Referral	Referral Rate per 1,000	# of Children Removed in 2006	Removal Rate per 1,000
White	10,839	756	69.75	40	3.69
Hispanic or Latino	7,745	604	77.99	17	2.19
Black or African American	942	207	219.75	7	7.43
Asian and Pacific Islander	162	8	49.38		
American Indian	138	2	14.49		
Unknown		29			
Total	20,496	1,606	78.36	64	3.12

**How many placement resources were in Hesperia?**



**Foster Care Removal and Placement Outcomes for Children in Hesperia (2006)**

Of the 64 children removed from their families in 2006:

- 15 children have been reunified to date, and 49 children are still in care.
- Of the 49 children who are currently in care:
  - 20 children were placed with non-relatives:
    - 6 children in Hesperia and 14 children in foster care placements in other cities.
  - 27 children were placed with relatives.
    - 8 children were placed with relatives in Hesperia and 19 children were placed with relatives in other cities
  - 2 children are between placements on the database.